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24-Hour TV News To Start in June

Comes June, and another major news network becomes operational to help keep Americans the best informed people in the world.

That network is CNN. Which stands for Cable News Network. Which is Ted Turner's \$50,000,000-plus stake in bringing into being the first cable television network that will broadcast news, most of it live, 24 hours a day.

Ted Turner? He has been making news more than broadcasting it. Mostly in sports. As a yachtsman he went against the establishment and captained the winning yacht in the latest America's Cup race. He owns the Atlanta Braves and the Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta TV station WTCG, the first satellite superstation.

Now he's about to launch the first cable news network. With a distinguished list of journalistic talent: Daniel Schorr in Washington, along with Rowland Evans and Robert Novak; William E. Simon, former Treasury Secretary, for business commentary and analysis; Phyllis Schlafley and Bella Abzug for news from the woman's viewpoint; Dr. Joyce Brothers for popular psychology; and Geoffrey Holder for gourmet news
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Judges Study Record Pile of Entries To Find Winners in 15 Categories

A record number of 367 entries in OPC's 1979 Awards Competition presented this year's judges with a formidable challenge. But they met it nobly with hard work and perseverance, Gerold Frank, awards chairman, declared as he announced completion of their review and selection.

Awards were made in 15 categories covering all phases of international news coverage.

Winners will be announced and honored at OPC's annual dinner dance and banquet in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Tuesday, April 29.

Judges in the competition and the classifications they judged include:

Class 1—**Hal Boyle Award** for best daily newspaper or wire service reporting from abroad, and Class 2—**Bob Considine Award** for best daily newspaper or wire service interpretation of foreign affairs: *Henry Cassidy*, chairman, *Rosalind Massow*, and *Ansel Talbert*.

Class 3—**Robert Capa Gold Medal** for best photographic report or interpretation from abroad requiring exceptional courage and enterprise, and Class 4—**Best Photographic reporting**

from abroad: *Barrett Gallagher* and *Charles Rotkin*, co-chairmen, *Francis Brennan*, *John Durniak*, *John G. Morris*, *Arthur Rothstein* and *Arnold Draphkin*.

Class 5—**Ben Grauer Award** for best radio spot news from abroad, and Class 6—**Lowell Thomas Award** for best radio interpretation of foreign news: *Howard L. Kany*, chairman, Dr. *Gene Sosin*.

Class 7—**Best TV spot news** reporting from abroad and Class 8—**Edward R. Murrow Award** for best TV interpretation or documentary on foreign affairs: *Russ Patrick*, chairman, *Mitchell Stephens*.

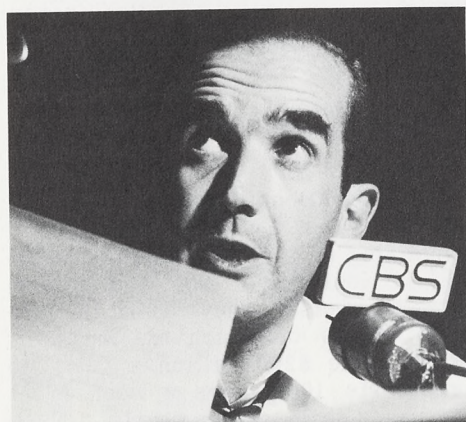
Class 9—**Mary Hemingway Award** for best magazine reporting from abroad, and Class 10—**Best Magazine interpretation of foreign affairs**: *Grace Naismith*, chairperson, *Jean Baer*, *Ed Cunningham*, *Meyer Lurie* and *Sam Summerlin*.

Class 11—**Best Cartoon on foreign affairs** (\$150) *New York News*: *Burne Hogarth*, chairman, *Will Eisner*.

Class 12—**Best Business News** reporting from abroad: *George Bookman*, chairman, *Margaret Klein*, *Bob Sunde* and *William O'Shea*.

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To Murrow - We're Getting a Room of Our Own



Edward R. Murrow

Members of the Overseas Press Club will soon find their current pleasant tenancy of the Chemists' Club made a little more professionally homelike for them. They are going to have a room of their own.

President *Henry Gellermann* has got from the Chemists' Club house committee, of which he is a member, unanimous agreement for OPC to have for its own a large room on the mezzanine floor.

"The room will be named after one of OPC's most dedicated and illustrious members," Gellermann said, "the late Edward R. Murrow."

The room will be completely redecorated. In addition to a painting of Murrow, many of the documents, photographs and other historic memorabilia in the club's possession will be displayed. Gellermann said he would name a committee to select the material.

It is planned to hold all official committee meetings and smaller club functions in the new room.

The room will be dedicated with a special ceremony which Janet Murrow, Ed's widow, will attend along with colleagues and friends of his.

The committee recommended this as "a very noble idea" to be pursued by all concerned.

Washington Ticker

BY JESSIE STEARNS

Frank C. H. Tao, Director of Press and Communications of the Republic of China (Taiwan) bid farewell to his many press friends at a reception given by Amb. and Mrs. Konsin C. Shah.

Frank, who has kept his American friends abreast of happenings in the Republic of China for years (I knew him in Shanghai), introduced his successor, Ivan Wang, to the press.

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Drew von Bergen, labor reporter for UPI, was sworn in as the 73rd President of the National Press Club with one hand in the air and the other on a bottle of Kentucky bourbon by fellow Kentuckian, Gov. John Y. Brown.

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Two more women members were initiated into the former all-male Gridiron Club, making it seven of the fairest sex.

The new members are Marianne Means, Hearst News, and Maggie Hunter, *New York Times*.

Six years ago, Helen Thomas, UPI, was the first woman invited to join the all-male group.

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Bill Clayton, *Houston Chronicle*, and Martin Tolchin, *New York Times*, were elected to the Standing Committee of Correspondents, which supervises the congressional press galleries.

The other three of the five members in charge of accrediting reporters to the galleries, and accreditation and space at the national political conventions are Chairman Paul Houston, *Los Angeles Times*, Arthur J. Sidden, *Chicago Tribune*, and Ben West, UPI.

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Janki Ganju, former Indian Embassy press secretary, now consultant, still gives those popular dinners featuring spicy Indian food, which he cooks himself.

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Since Henry and Jessica (Hobby) Catto took over the *Washington Journalism Review*, circulation has increased from 10,000 to 15,000. Roger Krantz, who founded it in 1977, is publisher and art director. Mrs. Catto (*Houston Post*) is publisher, and Henry is chairman of the board.

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Over 1300 Washington Press Club members and guests attended the annual congressional dinner. Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., was the comedian explaining that the difference between a horse race and a political race is that in the horse race, the entire horse is running.

Awards (Continued from page 1)

Class 13 — **Cornelius Ryan Award** for best book on foreign affairs; *Anita Diamant Berke*, Chairperson, *Hallie Burnett*, *Kenneth Giniger*, *Alex Liepa* and *Carol Smith*.

Class 14 — **Madeline Dane Ross Award** (\$400) for international reporting in any medium that demonstrates a concern for humanity: *Larry Stessin*, chairman, *Julia Edwards* and *Marguerite Cartwright*.

Class 15 — Best Editorial or editorial series which most effectively discloses abuse of human rights and thereby lends support to the principle of human rights: *Laurie Nadel*, chairperson, *J. Robert Moskin* and *Ralph Leviton*. (A new category in this year's competition.)

TV News (Cont'd from p. 1)

direct from his kitchen. OPCer *Mike Kandel* will do a financial column.

Total news staff will probably count 200. CNN will operate from Atlanta, with news bureaus also in New York, Chicago, Dallas, Miami, San Francisco, London, Israel and Peking.

Why all this, especially from a sportsman without journalism in his background? "I'd like to go down in the history books," Turner told an interviewer, "as somebody who was successful in improving the flow of information to the American people."

Call Pat at RIAS

Patrick E. Nieburg, old-time OPCer, took charge March 1 of West Germany's oldest post-war radio station, RIAS (Radio in the American Sector).

He succeeds Gerard M. Gert, who held the post 12 years. Previous incumbents include Bob Lochner, son of the late Louis Lochner, famed AP bureau chief in Berlin. Bob still lives there.

For Pat this is nostalgia, he says, because he started his professional career in Berlin in 1939, when Freddy Oechsner and Joe Grigg were bureau chiefs. To OPCers coming to Berlin, he extends a hearty welcome, "Give us a ring at RIAS!"

More members of the Washington media corps are joining Ted Turner's Cable News Network, Atlanta-based: ABC George Watson, New York, vice president and managing editor, *Washington Post* Rudy Maxa, ABC-TV Don Farmer and wife, Chris Curle.

CNN gets under way in June and each commenting member is paid \$15,000 per.

Letters

HONG KONG — Misako Cullison, wife of *Al Cullison*, long-time Journal of Commerce correspondent in Japan, died in Tokyo Jan. 29 following a lengthy illness.

In Hong Kong, Rosanna Montalbano gave birth to a daughter, Tiva, Feb. 20. She's the wife of Bill Montalbano, *Miami Herald*, who is waiting in Hong Kong for China's permission to open a Knight-Ridder bureau in Peking.

The president and immediate past president of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Hong Kong wound up in the same wing of Matilda Hospital in February.

President Vicky Wakefield, UPI-UNICOM, slipped on a club floor and broke her left arm (she's a southpaw) above the elbow.

Past President Tony Paul, *Reader's Digest*, checked into the hospital for a series of tests.

UPI executive changes in the Asia-Pacific Division: Brian Dewhurst from Sydney to Tokyo to become North Asia manager, succeeding Ted Marks, who was reassigned to the United States; Bob Miller from Honolulu Bureau manager to Sydney, replacing Dewhurst as manager for Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

— *Al Kaff*

PACIFIC PALISADES — George Will errs. Chamberlain's meeting with Hitler to toss the Nazi tiger a new hunk of meat — there was more than one meeting — came in 1938, not 1939; and the hunk of meat was not Poland but Czechoslovakia, a "faraway country (with) people of whom we know nothing."

The fruits of Munich came a year later. On Sept. 1, 1939, Hitler loosed his panzers against Poland. In two more days, on Sunday, Sept. 3, France and England declared war, and the Grand Conflict was on.

We who were started on our way to membership in OPC as a result of all this ought to have these a-b-c facts straight.

— *Victor Boesen*

Quotable

"A woman's voice is harder to jam."

So says Glenn Ferguson, president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, explaining to the National Press Club why he uses women more and more in news broadcasts. They combat the jamming efforts on which the Russians spend some \$200 million a year. He broadcasts 1000 hours a week in 21 languages to 33 million people in Eastern Europe and 4 million in Russia.

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Who, What, Where

By GRACE NAISMITH

PUBLISHING: **Richard F. Dempe-wolff** has co-authored with Dr. Mortimer R. Feinberg a most discussable book, "Corporate Bigamy" — how to resolve the conflict between career and family. Dick, a former OPC governor, now living in the Poconos was in town the other day conferring with his publishers, William Morrow & Co., Inc. ... **Kenneth Anderson** is reading galley of his 700-page book for *Newsweek*, "Encyclopedia of Family Health." For many years Ken was editor of A.M.A.'s *Today's Health*. He has just written an article for *Next*, a new medical publication. Subject: aphrodisiacs ... **Bill Pepper** has a profile of Mother Teresa in the March issue of *McCall's*. He met her when he flew on Pope Paul VI's plane on his 1964 visit to Bombay. Bill was there for *Newsweek*. "Our friendship continued across the years," he says, and he saw Mother Teresa in India and several times in Rome where he has been based for many years ... **Laurie Nadel** will have an article, "The Spectacles of South America" in the April issue of Braniff's in-flight magazine, *Flying Colors*. The *Times* of London featured an article by Laurie in January, "UN Employees Who Disappear Almost Without Trace." Laurie is former coordinator of the OPC Human Rights Committee. She was responsible for putting together our plaque for those journalists missing or in detention... **Walter Henry Nelson's** new novel, "The Siege of Buckingham Palace" is being published March 26 by Little, Brown. It was called "The Minstrel Code" when the "thriller" came out in London... **Tom Mahoney** wrote the cover story for the February American Legion Magazine, "Blood: A Shortage More Vital Than Oil." The New York area is increasingly dependent on red cells flown from Switzerland, West Germany and Belgium. Tom, by the way, was responsible in large part for persuading the Post Office to issue the "Giving Blood Saves Lives" commemorative stamp in 1971.

TRAVELING: **Tom Mahoney** attended the opening of the S.L.A. Marshall Room in the Library of the University of Texas, his alma mater, where Tom has given his books and papers on Brigadier General ("Slam") Marshall, who was a military historian and a correspondent. In the library is the late **Dickey Chapelle's** "What's a Woman Doing Here?" It was the general "Slam," her inscription says, who suggested she write the book. Tom and Slam were city editors of rival newspapers in El Paso and later friends in

Detroit where Slam was military editor of the *Detroit News*. The Marshall Room of the library is collecting material by and about the late **Peggy Hull**, pioneer war correspondent and a founding member of OPC. Her files include everything from World War I and Mexican border reporting to the Japan-China 1935 and World War II Pacific dispatches... **Temple Fielding** and his wife, Nancy, have just returned from a month-long review of Portugal for their Travel Guide Series... **Joseph A. Raff** of Field Publications has recently toured Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Northern Europe as part of the publications' annual "updates." He is headquartered in Mallorca.

SEEN ON THE SCENE: **Elmer Lower** flies to Europe this month to lecture in West Berlin and Manchester, England, and to collect material for an article about Dutch television. In Berlin his host will be Robert Lochner, son of the late **Louis Lochner**, former OPC president. Bob is director of the International Institute for Journalism in West Berlin. Elmer has lectured for him for the last six years.

NEW LOOK: **Robert F. Gallagher** has been appointed director of public relations for Saint Agnes Medical Center, Philadelphia. Prior to his appointment, Gallagher had served as director of public relations for Edmund Scientific, Barrington, N.J.

EXHIBIT: **Barrett Gallagher** showed the New York story, "Photographing New York" at the Photographic Administration, Inc. meeting at Sardi's in February. Barrett and his wife, Timmie, have covered New York from every angle for more than 40 years.

... and postscripts

Steve Korsen, retired Nestle Co. PR manager, is now living in Marietta, O., keeping busy as a member of the Public Information Committee of the Institute of Food Technologists. IFT has set up an expert panel on food safety and nutrition. Inquiries to the IFT should go to Dr. N.D. Pintauro, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., for New York area media; and to Howard A. Mattson, PI director, IFT, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

David Horowitz, who has become famous as a consumer advocate through his book, "Fight Back!" his TV program in LA, which has won three Emmies, and his school and college lectures, will be on the tube in the Fall with a syndicated "Fight Back!" show. Quite different from his early television work — NBC reporter in Hong Kong and one of the first in Vietnam.

Dan Kurzman sends word that he has returned from abroad to promote his new book, "Miracle of November: Madrid's Epic Stand 1936," which has been favorably reviewed in *The New York Times*.

Jim Whelan, editor-in-chief of Panax Newspapers, is on a reporting swing through Central America, winding up three weeks and five countries in Panama. Old stomping grounds for Jim, who covered the territory for UPI and later as Scripps-Howard correspondent in Latin America.

Sad news from Mrs. Jean Liefeld is that her brother, **Josa Morgan Ruffner**, OPC member, died in Hyannis, Mass., on February 25.

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